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THE HAGUE FOR USRADCO; USNMR SHAPE FOR CONTROLLER NICS COA

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SUBJECT: US USE OF NATO IIIB

REFS: (A) DG NICSMA 250755Z JUL 77 (NOTAL)
(B) HG SAMSO 152040Z JUL 77 (NOTAL)

1. IN REPLY TO REF A, PLEASE PROVIDE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION TO NICSMA TO AID IN ANSWERING PARAGRAPHS
2A AND 2B OF REF B.

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2. THE NEXT DUAL LAUNCH OF DSCS II SATELLITES (9439
AND 9440) HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 1977 TO
FEBRUARY 1978.

3. DCA HAS PLANNED THAT ONE OF THESE DSCS II SATELLITES
WILL BE POSITIONED OVER EASTPAC AS THE REPLACEMENT FOR
THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE. WHEN THE DSCS II EASTPAC

SATELLITE IS CUTOVER TO OPERATIONS, THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE WILL BE RETURNED TO NATO AT A POSITION OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN TO BE SPECIFIED BY NATO.

4. AT THE TIME THE US REQUESTED THE USE OF THE NATO

IIIB SATELLITE FOR ONE YEAR, AS REFLECTED IN THE NATO IIIB MOU, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE DSCS II EASTPAC SATELLITE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CUTOVER TO OPERATIONS IN DECEMBER 1977. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE CUTOVER COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL MID-APRIL 1978, ASSUMING A SUCCESSFUL DSCS II LAUNCH IN FEBRUARY 1978 AND A SATELLITE TEST AND CHECK OUT PERIOD OF 45-60 DAYS.

5. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, DCA REQUESTS AN EXTENSION

OF THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE US USE OF THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE UNTIL MID-APRIL 1978. IF CUTOVER TO OPERATION ON THE DSCS II EASTPAC SATELLITE OCCURS EARLIER THAN MID-APRIL 1978, THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE WOULD BE REPOSITIONED AND RETURNED TO NATO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CUTOVER. DUE TO THE EXTENSION OF USE OF THE NATO IIIB SATELLITE BEYOND DECEMBER 1977, COMPENSATION TO NATO FOR AN EQUIVALENT EXTENSION PERIOD WOULD BE ADDED TO THE ONE YEAR COMPENSATION

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ALREADY PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION B, PARAGRAPH 12 OF THE NATO IIIB MOU.

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